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### **Letter dated 6 February 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement on Libya's accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention, issued on 5 February 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 6 February 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Statement on Libya's accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention issued on 5 February 2004 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union**

The European Union recalls the statement made by the Italian Presidency on 20 December 2003 concerning the Declaration on Weapons of Mass Destruction made by Abdulrahman Shalgam, Foreign Minister of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on behalf of Colonel Qadhafi, on 19 December 2003.

The European Union welcomes the steps taken since then, in particular the recent ratification by Libya of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty and its accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention, and looks forward to prompt and full implementation by Libya of these fundamental international instruments.

The European Union looks forward to Libya signing, ratifying and implementing an Additional Protocol to its Safeguards Agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency. Such a step will further corroborate Libya's intention to comply fully with the existing legal framework on non-proliferation.

The European Union, in accordance with its recently adopted Strategy on the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Their Means of Delivery, supports the universalization and strengthening of the multilateral treaties and agreements in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation and would encourage other States which have not yet done so to adhere to these instruments.

The European Union firmly believes that Libya can play a pivotal role in encouraging other countries, particularly those in the same region, to follow its example and join international efforts to promote disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.